

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004. Claims 12-18 are pending.

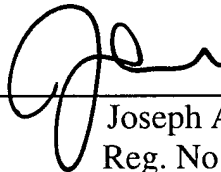
While applicant does not necessarily agree with the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer has been filed herewith in order to render the same moot.

Accordingly, all claims are now in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: _____



Joseph A. Rhoa
Reg. No. 37,515

JAR:caj
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100